



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.  
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting  
April 14, 2020**

9:01 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

*All votes were conducted by roll call.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

*“You never know what’s around the corner. It could be everything. Or it could be nothing. You keep putting one foot in front of the other, and then one day you look back and you’ve climbed a mountain.” – Tom Hiddleston*

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Departments: Wild Iris, Social Services, and Child Abuse Prevention Council (Michelle Raust, Matthew O'Connor, and Courtney Powell) - Proposed resolution to proclaim April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**Action:** Approved proclamation naming April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-67**

Michelle Raust, Social Services:  
Courtney Powell, Mono County Child Care Council Coordinator

Approved proclamation naming April 2020 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**Kreitz moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-68**

Matthew O'Connor, Wild Iris

*Moved to item 7b.*

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Bob Lawton, Acting CAO:**

- Department head meeting.
- Participated in Covid meetings.
- Received overview of agenda process.

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Nate Greenberg, IT Director**

- Provided update of radio challenges the Sheriff's channel is experiencing.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

**A. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report**

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/29/2020

**Action:** Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/29/2020.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-69**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

**A. Agricultural Commissioner's Office Department Update April 2020**

April 2020 Department Update from the Inyo and Mono Counties Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

## **B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Directives from Surrounding Area**

Originally shared by Supervisor Stump with County staff, attached are the emergency proclamations from the State of Nevada, and Esmeralda County, NV.

### **Supervisor Stump:**

- Thought it would be helpful to know what is happening in surrounding areas.

## **C. Inyo County's Letter to CDFW to Delay Fish Opener**

A letter from the Inyo County Board of Supervisors to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding the postponement of the regular fishing season and fish stocking in Inyo County.

## **D. LADWP Temporary Urgency Change Petition**

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is requesting that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) approve its Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP), pursuant to Water Code section No. 1435, to temporarily deviate from the Stream Restoration Flow requirements as outlined in the SWRCB Order 98-05. The flows include Rush, Lee Vining, Walker, and Parker Creeks.

### **Supervisor Corless:**

- Geoff McQuilken of the Mono Lake Committee said that they also support this.

## **E. California Fish and Game Commission Notice of Change of Adoption Hearing**

A notice from the California Fish and Game Commission announcing a change of Location of Discussion / Adoption Hearing for Mammal Hunting, Waterfowl (annual), and other sections to a teleconference / webinar on April 16, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

## **F. FERC Letter to SCE re: Focused Spillway Assessment and Evaluation Plan and Schedule for Additional Information**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letter to Southern California Edison (SCE) regarding the submitted plan and schedule for additional spillway information for dams and projects listed in the attached letter.

*Moved to item 7c.*

## **7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

### **A. Appointment of Bob Lawton as Acting County Administrative Officer**

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Formally appoint Robert C. Lawton Acting County Administrative Officer.

**Action:** Appoint Robert C. Lawton as Acting County Administrative Officer and direct staff to return to the Board with an amendment to Mr. Lawton's

employment agreement to reflect his new role.

**Stump moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-70**

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

Bob Lawton, Acting CAO

*Moved to item 3.*

## **B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

Departments: CAO

(Bob Lawton, Acting CAO) - An opportunity for Mono County Departments and stakeholders to share Coronavirus-related issues with the Board, to include, but not limited to, an update from Unified Command and the branches of crisis response such as the Public Health Department, Operations /Emergency Services, Community Support, Communications / Public Information, Economic Recovery, and Recreation. Additional specific topics include, but are not limited to: (1) Seasonal roadway openings on state highways; (2) Opportunities to donate for local relief efforts; (3) County road signage; (4) Southern California Edison vegetation management.

**Action:** None.

Bob Lawton, Acting CAO

Tom Parker, Mammoth Hospital CEO

Chief Frank Frievalt, EOC

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director

Francie Avitia, Social Services

Brent Green, Caltrans District Director

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director

Cal Rossi, Southern California Edison

*Break: 11:05 AM*

*Reconvene: 11:14 AM*

Sheriff Braun

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director

*Moved to item 7a.*

## **C. Cost-Share Agreement for Multi-Agency Response to COVID-19**

Departments: CAO

(Bob Lawton, Acting CAO; Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Proposed contract with the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District pertaining to sharing of costs associated with COVID-19 incident management and response.

**Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize County Administrative Officer to execute said contract on behalf of the County. Provide

any desired direction to staff.

**Stump moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-71**

Janet Dutcher

**D. Request to delay public hearing(s) and consideration of the Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment #3 (Project) and Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) by the Planning Commission and/or the Board of Supervisors**

Departments: CDD

(Wendy Sugimura) - Consider a letter by the Mono Basin RPAC requesting a delay of the April 16 Planning Commission public hearing on the Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment #3 and FSEIR.

**Action:** None.

- Chair Corless recused herself; Vice Chair Kreitz led meeting at this time.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director

- Board direction to hold the Special meeting of the Planning Commission on Thursday, April 16, and return to the April 21 meeting with more information.

Clerk of the Board read public comments into record

- Dennis Domaille
- Ilene Mandelbaum

*Break: 12:59 PM*

*Reconvene: 1:06 PM*

Chair Corless returned.

**E. Civic Center Update**

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works; Nate Greenberg, IT Director) - Weekly update on the County's Civic Center project at 1290 Tavern Road, and efforts to transition from other Mammoth locations into the Civic Center as of June 1, 2020.

**Action:** None.

Tony Dublino, Public Works Director

Nate Greenberg

**F. FY19/20 RSTP Funding Agreement**

Departments: Public Works - Roads

(Kevin Julian) - Approval of annual funding through the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) apportionment. This repeating annual agreement authorizes the exchange of federal highway funds for state highway funds thereby providing the Road Fund with a more flexible funding source.

**Action:** Approve and authorize Chair's signature on the FY19/20 Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement for allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds through the State's Regional Surface Transportation Program

**Peters moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-72**

Tony Dublino

### **G. Community Corrections Partnership Update**

Departments: Probation

(Karin Humiston) - Informational update on the progress of the Community Corrections Partnership.

**Action:** None.

Jeff Mills, Probation

### **H. Restructure of Behavioral Health Department and Approval to Hire a Director of Clinical Services at "C" Step**

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin Roberts) - In an effort to increase capacity to serve the residents of Mono County, the County Behavioral Health Department is proposing a reorganization that involves the addition of 1 Director of Clinical Services position; 2 Behavioral Health Services Coordinator I positions; 2 Behavioral Health Services Coordinator II positions; 1 Behavioral Health Program Manager; 1 Substance Use Disorders Supervisor; 1 Substance Use Disorders Counselor III position; 1 Staff Services Analyst II position and 1 case Manager III position and the elimination of: 2 Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner positions; 1 Clinical Program Manager position; 1 Alcohol & Drug Counselor II position; 1 Mental Health Services Act Coordinator position; 1 Psychiatric Specialist III position; 2 Case Manager II positions; 1 Behavioral Health Services Coordinator position; and 1 Alcohol and Drug Counselor III position. The Department is also seeking Board approval to hire a Director of Clinical Services at the "C" Step in recognition of years of service of that individual as a supervisor in the field.

**Action:** Approve proposed restructure of the Behavioral Health Department by adopting proposed resolution R20-36 Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County List of Allocated Positions to Eliminate Eleven Positions and Add Ten Positions in the Department of Behavioral Health. The proposed resolution also includes approval to hire the Director of Clinical Services position at the "C" Step.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R20-36**

Robin Roberts

*Moved to item 10.*

## **8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. Closed Session - Human Resources**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Frievalt. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO). Unrepresented employees: All.

### **B. Closed Session - Public Employment**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: Acting County Administrative Officer.

### **C. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: Five.

### **D. Closed Session - Workers' Compensation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Worker's compensation claim of Colin Tams.

### **E. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

### **F. Closed Session - Real Property Negotiations**

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes. Agency negotiators: Dave Wilbrecht and Shields Richardson. Negotiating parties: Mono County and 452 OM RD., Investors, LLC. Under negotiation: Price and terms of lease.

### **G. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: *Mono County v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power* (Alameda Superior Court Case No. RG18923377.)

## H. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

### CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

*Closed Session: 1:54 PM*

*Reconvene: 3:57 PM*

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

## 10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

### Supervisor Corless:

- Attended the ESSRP meeting.
- YARTS meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>, voted on delaying the start of summer service.
- State Forest Management Task Force – attended three meetings related to this.
- Yesterday, Behavioral Health Advisory Committee meeting. Appointments will be on next week's agenda.

### Supervisor Gardner:

- I have continued to meet via Zoom with several organizations over the last few weeks. These organizations have made many adjustments and are continuing their operations as much as possible. YARTS and ESTA still are running buses on selected routes. First 5 is offering its services via Zoom and other means to support our County children and parents. ESSRP is trying to coordinate communication across the region about recreation-related issues, especially closures and questions about economic recovery. I have also met via Zoom with the Mono Basin RPAC, the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council, the June Lake Chamber of Commerce, and the Kutzadika Tribal Council. Where possible I have tried to listen in on numerous NACO and other state and national conference calls. Finally, I have spoken with several residents in response to their questions and concerns about the COVID-19 crisis and the County response.

### Supervisor Kreitz:

- Census update.
- April 3, participated in interviews for a new Caltrans District 9 Director.

### Supervisor Peters:

- Remind everyone at 5:30 tonight (Bridgeport) and tomorrow (Antelope Valley) there are community meetings. Thanked the organizers.
- Participated last night in the Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce meeting. Hoping that the September 18 Jamboree will occur.
- Remind everyone that places like pack stations and other places – buy gift cards / certificates will help stimulate some of the local economy.

### Supervisor Stump:

- No report.

*Moved to item 8.*

**ADJOURNED at 3:58 PM**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**SCHEEREN DEDMAN  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK**